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FOR YOUR INFORMATION AND GUIDANCE FOLLOWING ARE EXCERPTS
FROM DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN'S PRESS BRIEFING FOR
SEPTEMBER 25, 1975:

Q. COULD YOU CONFIRM THE REPORT IN THE WASHINGTON POST
FROM BEIRUT, THIS MORNING, THAT IRAN HAS ASKED FOR
PERMISSION TO TRANSFER ANOTHER SQUADRON OF F-5 NORTHROP
PLANES TO JORDAN?

A. YES, I CAN CONFIRM THAT THE IRANIAN GOVERNMENT HAS
RAISED, ORALLY, WITH US THEIR INTEREST IN TRANSFERRING
SOME F-5A'S, FROM IRAN TO JORDAN.

Q. HOW MANY PLANES WOULD BE INVOLVED?

A. I BELIEVE IT IS EITHER 12 OR LESS.

Q. HAVE WE RESPONDED TO THEM?

A. NOT AS YET, NO.

Q. WHAT IS THE STATE DEPARTMENT'S POSITION ON THE
DECLASSIFICATION OF THE DOCUMENTS THAT WERE PRESENTED TO
THE COMMITTEE?

A. THE ADMINISTRATION'S POSITION, AS I BELIEVE WAS
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EXPLAINED BY MR. NESSEN IN HIS NEWS CONFERENCE THIS
MORNING, IS THAT THE PRESIDENT IS CONCERNED ABOUT
DECLASSIFYING ALL OF THE DOCUMENTS THAT WE SUBMITTED TO
THE CONGRESS. AND WHAT MR. SISCO WAS TALKING ABOUT WITH
THE COMMITTEE THIS MORNING AND WHAT WE HAVE BEEN TALKING
ABOUT IN THE PAST IS TO COME UP WITH WAYS TO INSURE
THAT THE PUBLIC IS FULLY INFORMED WITHOUT THE ACTUAL
DOCUMENTS BEING DECLASSIFIED AND RELEASED.

AND WE HAVE SUGGESTED, FOR EXAMPLE, THAT SUMMARIES OF THESE DOCUMENTS MIGHT BE PREPARED FOR RELEASE.

BUT I HAVE NOT HAD AN OPPORTUNITY TO TALK TO MR. SISCO ABOUT HIS TESTIMONY THIS MORNING, SO I REALLY CAN'T--

Q. DO YOU EXPECT THE VOTE ON THE TECHNICIANS TO TAKE PLACE IN THE NEAR FUTURE?

A. WE CERTAINLY HOPE IT WILL TAKE PLACE IN THE NEAR FUTURE.

Q. MAY I RETURN TO THE IRANIAN JET SQUADRON?

A. YES.

Q. MAYBE I MISSED PART OF THE ANSWER, BUT WAS THERE ANY-- DID YOU GIVE ANY DISCUSSION BEYOND SAYING THE IRANIANS HAVE RAISED THIS ORALLY? PARTICULARLY, HAVE WE RESPONDED--GIVEN ANY THOUGHTS?

A. NO. I WAS ASKED IF WE HAD RESPONDED.

I SAID WE HAD NOT--AND I INDICATED WE HAD NOT AS YET. THE NUMBER INVOLVED WAS 12 OR LESS.

Q. WHAT IS THE REASON THE IRANIANS WANT A TRANSFER?

A. I AM NOT SURE OF THE IRANIAN REASONS. PERHAPS THEY ARE NO LONGER NEEDED IN THEIR OWN INVENTORY. I THINK THAT WAS THE REASON THAT THEY TRANSFERRED 24 PLANES, THE

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SAME AIRCRAFT, EARLIER THIS YEAR TO JORDAN.

Q. AS I RECALL, THE EARLIER TRANSFER WERE F-5A'S.

A. NO. THEY WERE F-5S. AND THESE ARE F-5A'S.

Q. IT'S "A'S" AND NOT "E"?

A. RIGHT. A'S.

Q. WAS DR. KISSINGER INFORMED ABOUT FOREIGN MINISTER ALLON'S TALKS WITH FOREIGN MINISTER GROMYKO?

A. I DO NOT KNOW.

Q. THERE IS A REPORT IN THE LOS ANGELES TIMES AND THE WASHINGTON POST THIS MORNING ABOUT THE ADMINISTRATION CONSIDERING GIVING WEAPONS FOR EGYPT FOR MILITARY SUPPLIES FOR EGYPT. DO YOU HAVE ANY ELABORATION OF THAT?

A. THAT QUESTION WAS ASKED, AND ANSWERED AT SOME LENGTH BY MR. NESSEN THIS MORNING AT THE WHITE HOUSE BRIEFING.

I BELIEVE WHAT HE SAID WAS THAT THE PRESIDENT HAD POINTED OUT THAT THERE HAS BEEN SOME DISCUSSION OF THIS REQUEST, AND SOME CONSIDERATION, BUT NO DECISION.

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